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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 562

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Helen Lee, on being selected as 2001 Cleveland City School System Teacher of the Year Nominee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Helen Lee is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, She has recently been chosen as one of the 2002 Teacher of the Year nominees for the Cleveland City School System, an honor most befitting her exemplary tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee's prestigious nomination places her in an elite group of educators; Tennessee Teachers of the Year are selected competitively through four cycles: building, system, district and state; and

WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Helen Lee received her Master's in Education degree from Lincoln Memorial University, where she earned an additional forty-five hours in elementary curriculum; and

WHEREAS, She has served with distinction as a full-time educator for twenty-five years; currently, she teaches first grade at Stuart Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished instructor, Ms. Lee has presented reading and math workshops for Cleveland City and several other school systems, served as a McGraw-Hill evaluator for the Open Court reading program, and has been a guest speaker for Lee University's College of Education classes; and

WHEREAS, Helen Lee is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, The epitome of the dedicated teacher, she is involved in many professional organizations, including Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and Alpha Delta Kappa Teaching Sorority; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her nomination for 2002 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Lee has also received Kappa Delta Pi's 1999 Outstanding Educator Award, DZT Sorority's 1990 Alumnus of the Year Award, and 1998 Building Level Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Helen Lee is a devout member of the Westmore Church of God, where she serves on various committees, sings in the choir, and is a Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, She truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee truly exemplifies the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Helen Lee on being named one of Cleveland City School System's nominations for 2002 Teacher of the Year, commend her

exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.